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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

March 15, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 14, 2013, Glen Post, Chief Executive Officer, Steve Davis, Executive Vice President, and Melissa Newman, Senior Vice President, CenturyLink, met with Chairman Genachowski, Zachary Katz, Chief of Staff and Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor in the above-captioned proceeding. CenturyLink urged the Commission to adopt rules for the next round of CAF I funding in order to bring broadband this year to rural consumers who do not have it today. CenturyLink encouraged the FCC to adopt the proposal filed jointly by the ABC Coalition, the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Association and the United States Telecom Association.¹ CenturyLink also believes that putting this funding to work now would help the transition to CAF II by maintaining the momentum of broadband deployment in rural America.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this *ex parte* presentation is being filed for inclusion in the record of the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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¹ Comments of the ABC Coalition, ITTA & USTelecom, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, filed Jan. 28, 2013.